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Appl. No. : 10/057,155

Art Unit: 1616

Applicant : Mohammed S. SAFADI et al.

Filed : January 24, 2002

Examiner: Konata M. George

Title : PROCESS FOR PREPARING NON-HYGROSCOPIC SODIUM VALPROATE COMPOSITION

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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Applicant(s): Mohammad S. Safadi et al.

Invention: PROCESS FOR PREPARING NON-HYGROSCOPIC SODIUM VALPROATE COMPOSITION

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